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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The document is in English, and was cited in the counterpart patent application in Singapore in a Search Report dated October 7, 2007, a copy of which is attached. The author of the cited article is mis-identified as "Carrasco R. et al." on the search report, however, the correct author is Daniel Lovell as shown on the copy of the article submitted herewith. The balance of the references cited in this search report were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 22, 2006, in the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

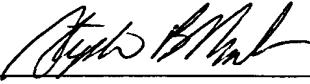
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